



March 25, 2021

TO: Councillor Josh Matlow (Ward 12)

Re: Canada Square Development – Request by Midtown RAs

The South Armour Heights Residents' Association (SAHRA) is a neighbouring residents' association to the Midtown area. Our residents work, shop and play in this area. We are writing to express our concerns about the proposed Oxford application for the Canada Square (CS) site:

- Near absence of community services and facilities such as schools, daycares, community/recreation centre, social services, or cultural amenities
- Insufficient on-site parkland dedication
- Insufficient emphasis on employment space relative to residential
- Total lack of environmental considerations with the complete destruction of all the structures on the site
- Absence of a defining vision for a 21st century community, environmental, economic, and social hub of city-wide and national significance

We were expecting the CS lands would become an aspirational centre of the Y-E Urban Growth Centre, one of only 5 such Centres in Toronto.

We now understand that on April 26, 2018, City Council adopted, with your expressed support, a commercial transaction for the CS site with Oxford for a lease term of up to 200 years, granting them full development rights for this City-owned property. Only recently did we discover how and when City Council approved this commercial transaction. As a result of these discoveries we agree with the Midtown RA's that a **comprehensive study** is even more necessary and urgent.

The Midtown RA Group has requested a meeting with you as soon as possible to discuss:

- The implications of the 2018 Council meeting with disclosure of all the associated documents.
- Discussion on launching and conducting a meaningful and comprehensive study.
- Deferral of the application until a comprehensive study is completed and approved.

SAHRA endorses and supports the request for a meeting of FoNTRA and the Midtown RA group with yourself (without the developer present) to discuss these three points.

Sincerely

Sheila Harrison (Secretary)

Geri Berholz, President Republic Residents' Association
Tom Cohen, President Eglinton Park Residents' Association (EPRA)
Andy Gort, President South Eglinton Ratepayers' and Residents' Association (SERRA)
Ann King, Chair, Community Liaison, Stanley Knowles Housing Co-operative
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